

## May 7, 2012 Algansee Township Board Minutes

**A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-** on Monday, May 7, 2012 at 7:30pm Supervisor Tom Morgan called the Algansee Township Board meeting to order at the Algansee Township Hall, 378 South Ray Quincy Road, Quincy, Michigan. Algansee Township Board members present were- Supervisor Tom Morgan, Treasurer Ann Strong, Trustee Mick Belcher, Trustee Bill Avra and Clerk Suzanne Preston. Visitors present that signed in were Terry & Deana Barror, Tim Gajewski, Chuck Lillis, Pete & Marjorie Inde, Peg Edwards and Linda Belcher.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-** Clerk Suzanne Preston led us in the pledge to the American Flag.

**B. AGENDA-** Bill Avra motioned to approve agenda. Support by Ann Strong. Motion carried.

**C. PUBLIC COMMENT-** Dave Malinowski came for his brother Ken to request a fireworks permit for July 7<sup>th</sup>. After the Algansee Township Board approval he'll notify DNR, Sheriff's Department, Quincy Fire Department about the fireworks and get a million dollar insurance policy to cover the fireworks display. Ann Strong motioned to grant Ken Malinowski the fireworks permit. Mick Belcher supported the motion. Motion carried.

Chuck Lillis spoke on his qualifications for Probate Judge.

Terry & Deana Barror of 234 Bickford Drive said they have been neighbors of John Dzenny since 2001. They were wondering how John Dzenny can have a tarp for a roof. The tarp doesn't meet Building Codes. Zoning Administrator Russ Jennings said he would contact the Branch County Building Department to see needs to be done. Supervisor Tom Morgan said we will do whatever we can.

**D. MINUTES- Algansee Township Board Minutes-** Bill Avra motioned to accept 4-2-2012 Algansee Township Board minutes. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried.

**Algansee Planning Commission Minutes** Ann Strong motioned to accept the 4-30-2012 Planning Commission minutes. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

### **E. TREASURER'S REPORT-**

**E. 1. Monthly Report-** Treasurer Ann Strong reported the balance at the April township meeting was \$379,781.89. We had income this past month of \$22,865.00 and expenses this past month of \$10,743.70 giving Algansee Township a balance for this May meeting of \$391,892.55. The Clerk agrees. Bill Avra motioned to accept Treasurer's report. Support by Mick Belcher. Motion carried.

### **F. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**F. 1. Quincy Fire Association-** Bill Avra reported the same officers were reelected to the Quincy Fire Association Board and all the breathing apparatuses need replacing, cost about \$6500 a piece and need 20 of them.

**F. 2. Report from Algansee Township Planning Commission-** Mick Belcher reported the Planning Commission held 2 special use request public hearings and the requests were approved. Mick Belcher motioned to approve the Jake Schwartz and Meno Girod special use requests. Bill Avra supported the motion. Motion carried.

**F. 3. Report from Algansee Township Zoning Board of Appeals-** didn't meet last month.

**F. 4. Ordinance Violations-** 1025 Grove Road called and requested more time, the old Church next to Fisher Cemetery- the old cars have been removed, haven't heard from the owner.

**F. 5. Website- [www.alganseetownship.com](http://www.alganseetownship.com)-** Supervisor Tom Morgan said he has the Library information changed.

## **G. OLD BUSINESS-**

**G. 1. Branch County Road Commission Seal Coat Contract-** Road Commission has a contract for seal coat- \$38,500- 3½ miles of roads- Central(Ray Quincy to Stringtown)2.49 miles and Brocklebank (Central to Campbell) 1.01 miles. Ann Strong motioned to accept the seal coat contract. Support by Bill Avra. Roll call vote- Mick Belcher- yes, Bill Avra- yes, Ann Strong- yes, Suzanne Preston- yes and Tom Morgan- yes. Motion carried.

**G. 2. Any Other Old Business-** none

## **H. NEW BUSINESS-**

**H. 1. – Assessing Contract-** Assessor Erica Ewers reported on the adjustments to her contract.

**H. 2. Lawn Care Bids-** Bill Avra suggested we should be more thorough with the lawn care bids and we should have bids and interviews in January, then vote on the bids in February and then adjust the budget in March. Everyone thought it was a good idea.

**H. 3. Michigan Lake and Stream Association/DNR Meeting-** Tom Morgan reported on the meeting, DNR is short staff and relies on volunteers to help.

**H. 4. Any Other Old Business-** none

**I. PAYMENT OF BILLS-** Expenses were presented in the amount of \$52,766.20. Mick Belcher motioned to pay the bills. Support by Bill Avra. Motion carried.

## **J. SPECIAL REPORTS**

**J. 1. Zoning Administrator's Report-** Zoning Administrator Russ Jennings reported he issued 4 zoning permits and 1 land split for the month of April.

**J. 2. Branch County Commissioner's Report-** none

**J. 3. Algansee Library Report-** Algansee Librarian Jan Clark sent her April report: Circulation-751, Attendance-389, Hours-84, Wireless-130, Inside Internet-1778, Juvenile Programs-3, Attendance at programs-17, Young Adult programs-2, Attendance 17.

**J. 4. Assessor's Report** – Michigan Tax Tribunal case has been scheduled for Robert Fitch for May 15 at the courthouse. After some software glitches at the State office was finally able to send the L4626 report and received confirmation of report on April 23 so was able to roll over database after that for 2013. Data entry is finally caught up other than a couple of land splits. Received notice last week that the Principal Residence Exemption Deadline has changed from May 1 to June 1 for units that collect school operating millages on the summer tax roll and November 1 for those units that collect it in December. Due to this change, the Equalization office and County Treasurer's office are reworking our report schedules as this is going to impact the printing of both the summer and winter tax bills. The Governor also signed into effect on May 1 that Banks can file for a Conditional Principal Residence Exemption. I am not real clear on how this is going to work yet. The State is supposed to be sending out additional bulletins this week to clarify both of these law changes and their impacts. Working with the Register of Deeds office, Equalization, GIS, and Building Inspection to obtain all the documents needed to continue to keep the files up to date.

**K. CORRESPONDENCE-** none

**L. PUBLIC COMMENT-** Clerk reported she has petitions and affidavits available for those who want to run for a township office.

**M. NEXT REGULAR MEETING-** will be Monday, June 4, 2012, 7:30 pm.

**N. Adjourn-** Bill Avra motioned to adjourn. Ann Strong supported the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Suzanne Preston, Algansee Township Clerk